



11th Assembly District e-Newsletter

Welcome to the latest edition of the 11th Assembly District e-Newsletter.

It contains information about my nominee for 11th Assembly District Woman of the Year, my 2005 Legislative Agenda, and the availability of Cal-Grants to college students.

I hope you find this issue informative. Please share this newsletter with friends and colleagues.

Feel free to e-mail me with any feedback, opinions or concerns you might have. Send your comments to:
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or contact my District Office by phone at (925) 372-7990.

I appreciate the opportunity to serve you in Sacramento.

Regards ,

Joe Canciamilla

Judy Moon

11th Assembly District Woman of the Year, 2005

Judy Moon, Coordinator of the International Hospitality and Tourism Academy, will be honored on Monday, March 14th, as the 11th Assembly District's Woman of the Year. The ceremony will take place on the floor of the California State Assembly in Sacramento.

Each year the California State Assembly honors one woman from each of the 80 Assembly Districts for their contributions to the community in which they live.

Judy, a resident of Clayton, was selected by Assemblyman Canciamilla as Woman of the Year for her commitment and dedication to the education and vocational training of the students of the Mount Diablo Unified School District.

"Every student deserves an opportunity to be successful, and career and vocational education programs offer every student an opportunity to succeed. Specifically, our program provides students with the foundational skills for any career they wish to pursue," said Ms. Moon.

Ms. Moon has been the Coordinator of the International Hospitality and Tourism Academy for three years and Director of the program's Serendipity restaurant for over ten years.

"While I am humbled by this award and the recognition that comes with it, any success is a collective effort. Our program is a partnership, much bigger than me, and like football, nobody scores a touchdown by themselves," added Ms. Moon. "We have a great group of students, teachers and very supportive administration who all contribute to the success of the program."



Judy Moon (2nd fr. right), with students from Serendipity

2005 Legislative Agenda

Assemblyman Canciamilla, an advocate of reform in Sacramento during his first two terms in the legislature, remains committed to seeing that the State addresses its many structural, political and budgetary problems. His 2005 legislative agenda includes a comprehensive package of legislative reform measures on independent redistricting, term limits, and legislative oversight. Measures included in the package are:

AB 5 (Nonpartisan Secretary of State) requires that the Office of the Secretary of State be designated as a nonpartisan office. Additionally, AB 5 declares legislative intent that the SOS not endorse candidates or ballot measures and requires candidates for that office to declare in writing whether or not they intend to do so.

ACA 5X (Independent Redistricting) creates a 5 member Independent Redistricting Commission to establish congressional, Assembly, Senate and Board of Equalization districts after the next census. No more than two commissioners could be from the same political party. Districts would be geographically compact, respect communities of interest and be competitive to the extent practical. The residences of incumbents or candidates would not be considered when determining boundaries.

ACA 6X (Term Limits) allows an individual to serve a maximum of 16 years in the legislature regardless of whether the service is in the Assembly, Senate or a combination of both houses. Current term limits allow 3 terms maximum in the Assembly and 2 terms in the Senate, which totals 14 years.

HR 6 (Budget Oversight) requires the Assembly Budget Committee to hold joint hearings with each of the 28 policy committees in Assembly to review the effectiveness of state funded programs and funding levels. Legislators and staff would attend training sessions on conducting these oversight hearings.

AB 395 (Record of Proceedings) requires that all legislative hearings and proceedings be recorded in audio or video format and that copies of these recordings be provided to the State Archives for inspection by the public.

AB 518 (Two Year Budget Expenditure Plan)

requires the Governor to submit a two year budget expenditure plan to assist the legislature in fiscal oversight activities.

If you or your organization would like additional information about any of the reform measures, please call the District Office at (925) 372-7990.

CANCIAMILLA HONORED AS LEGISLATOR OF THE YEAR BY CNGPA

The California Natural Gas Producers Association (CNGPA) have honored Assemblyman Joe Canciamilla (D- Pittsburg) as their Legislator of the Year and presented him their 2005 Sentinel Award.

The Sentinel Award was established to recognize an individual outside the natural gas industry who has demonstrated leadership in fostering the viability of California's independent gas producing industry.

"For many years, Assemblyman Canciamilla has been at the forefront in his efforts to ensure that California can meet its energy needs through advocating policies that improve the viability of the state's energy infrastructure and market fundamentals," said Rock Zierman, Executive Director of CNGPA.

Zierman noted Canciamilla's authorship of AB 502, which allows cities and counties to establish an expedited application process for natural gas exploratory and production permits. "The need for domestic natural gas production is great.

Permit delays are often cited as one of the largest impediments to in-state production. Producing natural gas in-state not only helps meet California's energy needs, but also helps create well paying jobs and much needed tax revenues," Zierman said.

"I am honored to be recognized by CNGPA for our efforts to increase in-state natural gas production. California needs to be as independent as possible on our energy sources so that we are not solely at the mercy of out-of-state producers. Natural gas is affordable and clean-burning. The more we can do to increase its supply benefits both consumers and the environment," Canciamilla said.

Cal Grant Program

Students Urged to Apply for New Cal Grant Scholarships before March 2nd Deadline

The deadline to apply for to apply for a scholarship from the Cal Grant Program is March 2, 2005.

"Today, every low or moderate income student who meets the academic standards is guaranteed a Cal Grant award, and we must do everything we can to ensure that every eligible student takes advantage of this historic opportunity," Assemblyman Canciamilla said.

California law guarantees that every eligible student will get a Cal Grant award of up to \$3,597 a year. Cal Grants do not have to be repaid.

Cal Grant recipients can use this money for their expenses at University of California or California State University. Awards are also given to community college students and students entering private California colleges. Students attending community colleges have until September 2nd to submit a Cal Grant application.

Students must apply for a Cal Grant by submitting a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) Form and a Cal Grant Grade Point Average Verification Form.

For more information on the Cal Grant Program, how to obtain an application, or how to fill out an application, students should contact their college counselors, or call the California Student Aid Commission at (888) 224-7268, or view their web site at www.csac.ca.gov. You can also get assistance by contacting the FAFSA website at www.fafsa.org, or contacting Assemblyman Canciamilla's office at (925) 372-7990.

Press Information

Assemblyman Canciamilla submitted the letter shown below to the Contra Costa Times, which published it recently in the Sunday Perspectives, to clarify information contained in a recent article.

Dear Editor,

I wish to correct the impression that may have been left in a Times column on Sunday Jan.23, 2005 that I sent an open letter to Gov. Schwarzenegger "Promising to support the GOP governor's reform agenda..."

My open letter urged the governor to lead a reform agenda that would among other things include "a true balanced budget that provides for future financial stability...pension reform that will protect workers along with the governmental agencies that must provide services to the public ...political reform through independent redistricting and an open primary term limit reform...and real campaign finance reform."

My letter did not pledge to support the governor's plans since at that point they had not been announced or submitted to the legislature. I have and will be introducing my own bills on many of these subjects and believe that while I did not endorse the governors plans and did not ask his endorsement for mine, that it is necessary for a real reform package to move through the legislature.

I firmly believe that real reform can only come through an agenda that is embraced by this governor and one that he will use his popularity and prestige to advance. I have urged him to work with the legislature and the legislature to do the same rather than simply default this to initiatives advanced by private groups.

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